

From the editor

The 2007 Unit Awards Game will be a double session potluck on March 9th at 1:00P.M. at the *Sons of Norway Hall, 6710 N. Country Homes Blvd, lower floor

This is a change of venue, please make note of it.

If you have not done so, visit the unit website at www.spokanebridge.com where you can look at bridge scores and read the Grand Slammer online.

Joan Jans-Haupt interviewed Bob Perry. A condensed version of his story is on page 2. However, a full account will be posted at the bridge center for those interested in reading the fascinating story of one of our familiar bridge faces.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

In addition to **everyone who baked cookies and treats**, we want to thank the following for making the February sectional tournament such a success:

- Jodi Kimbrell** for the flyers;
- Dottie Davis** for managing the partnership desk;
- Marlys & Buss Roberts** for the coffee and water table oversight;
- Ginny & Crew** for the kitchen assist;
- Ann Figg & Marlys** for their IN work;
- Sally Fahland** for securing caddies;
- Mike Coopersmith, Dominic Galianese, Marshall Mah, Bob Kautz, Bob Probasco, Dick Yager, and the caddies** for setting up and taking down the tables; and
- Sue Howe & Karen Wilson** for the decorations and clean-up.

We greatly appreciate all, JoAnn and Jackie, Tournament Chairs

New Masterpoint Levels: Sep/Oct

Junior Master: Ken Carmer, Ron Kolkman

Club Master: Bob Cox

Sectional Master: B.J. Kolkman

Life Master: Catherine Creer

New Members and Transfers In

NM: Glen Abrahams, Gayle Carlson, Rebecca Gunselman, Eva Smith, Jack Smith, Barbara Womack

TI: Sandra Steeves, Robert Wilson

GRAND SLAMMER DEADLINES

April 15, June 15, Aug 15 Oct 15, Dec 15

From the Incoming President
Jerry Hensley

The February Sectional was a success. Many thanks to JoAnn Brown and Jackie Biel for their tremendous job, and to their great supporting cast.

I realize the year started with the cancellation of the February Unit Game due to a conflict with some other bowl game and the weather; but, this was a righteous action. The unit board will make all attempts possible to reschedule this game.

My colleagues for the 2008 Unit board include, VP Sybil Broughton-Lucks, Treasurer Max Gallotti, Secretary Keri Malone, Sectional Coordinator JoAnn Brown, Beverly Cordier, Doris Anderson, Kathy O'Malley, Fred Gilbert, Ann Figg, and Marlys Roberts. [see full listing and phone #s on page 4]

Lets work for a good year.

New Email addresses for board members

Ron Krueger	rwakrueger@yahoo.com
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Beverly Cordier	bjcordier@msn.com

CORRECTION CORNER-

PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOW REVISIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Pat Strand's phone number is 467-0729
Doyle Crook & Barbara Womack's phone number is 922-9244

Joan Jans-Haupt's phone number is 448-5731,
4523 S. Sheri Ct., Spokane , WA 99223

The June unit game is June 8, not June 1.

Bob Perry has led a life that could have made a Horatio Algiers story. Space has forced me to greatly edit his fascinating biography.—Editor

Robert Perry Interview by Joan Jans Haupt

Bob Perry was born August 5, 1916 in Ann Arbor Michigan to Raymond and Grace O'Callaghan. His father died before his birth, and Bob's mother, realizing that she could not support both of them, allowed Bob to be placed with a well-to-do family with a middle-aged daughter. The new family wanted to adopt Bob; his mother refused, even though she permitted them to raise him as their own and disappeared from his life.

Bob was five when the older woman died. A year later, the daughter, whom he thought was his mother, died. The father, now in his 80's, married again. The new wife did not care for Bob and made his life "hellacious." When he was 11, she locked him out of the house and called the doctor who had placed Bob in their home. The only place available for Bob was the state reformatory. (At that time orphanages only took babies as they could not place children who were older, yet too young to work on farms.) But, the doctor told Bob that he owned a hotel in the next town and if Bob wanted he could live there, work as a bellhop and attend school. Bob accepted since he did not want the stigma of reform school to follow him all his life.

For five years, Bob worked seven days a week on shifts that allowed him to attend school. Lacking any adult supervision or support, Bob used his tips for clothes, books and other necessities. When he was 16, the child labor laws' passage meant he had to be 18 to work. Once again, Bob was headed to the reformatory. But the sheriff's wife checked his school records and found that Bob was ranked in the top fifth of his class. They talked and agreed that he could live at the jail and go to school until he graduated.

At that point, Bob went to the Michigan Upper Peninsula with the Civilian Conservation Corps. While there he applied for and was accepted at Michigan State, graduating with a B.S. in electrical engineering—while working full-time. During this time, Bob heard from his mother. She asked him to live with her and her new husband, who adopted Bob. Though his mother tried to make amends, Bob had no experience with close relationships.

World War II was "boiling up," and electrical engineers were in demand. Bob graduated and reported for duty in the Army Air Corps on November 3, 1941. Bob and Kathryn Casper were married in Wichita on Valentine's Day, 1944. Bob's military career took the family that eventually included four children to many places around the world. He retired as a Colonel in 1967. Katy and Bob moved to Spokane in 1993. Katy, who had been ill for some years, died after the move. Fourteen years ago, Bob had heart surgery, but has passed all the tests since.

Bob has been playing various types of bridge for decades. He and a frequent partner, Donna Wyatt, made Life Master together. Bob, saying that he finds it difficult to maintain the card-playing abilities that were once second nature, appreciates the "true friends' who play with him on occasion.

TOP 50 MASTERPOINTS WON AT THE 2008 WINTER SECTIONAL BY UNIT 448 MEMBERS

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| 1. 15.24 Brenda Simpson | 19. 5.20 Louise Stevens | 37. 2.94 Jane Lyons-Macy |
| 2. 14.52 Lynn Hays | 20. 5.20 Greg Rathvon | 38. 2.91 Jo Ann Brown |
| 3. 11.95 Doyle Crook Jr. | 21. 5.15 Cristina Gallotti | 39. 2.85 Jerry Hensley |
| 4. 10.91 James Sremba | 22. 5.15 Massimo Gallotti | 40. 2.78 Christopher Kent |
| 5. 10.91 Nancy Sremba | 23. 5.11 Ronald Krueger | 41. 2.78 Frederic Emry |
| 6. 9.99 Catherine Creer | 24. 4.92 Mike Coopersmith | 42. 2.78 Roma Bucher |
| 7. 9.99 Gard Hays | 25. 4.82 Cindy Chase | 43. 2.71 Geraldine Krueger |
| 8. 9.49 Bill Rottmayer | 26. 4.82 Gary Singer | 44. 2.64 Sally Grant |
| 9. 8.78 Catherine Fergie | 27. 4.74 David Rottmayer | 45. 2.64 Donna Wyatt |
| 10. 8.78 Patricia Strand | 28. 4.19 Linda Baker | 46. 2.62 Marshall Mah |
| 11. 7.50 Mary Spangler | 29. 3.73 Keri Malone | 47. 2.62 Peter Barthels |
| 12. 7.50 Larry Spangler | 30. 3.62 Dorothy Dvis | 48. 2.40 Carroll Thorson |
| 13. 6.90 Sally Fahland | 31. 3.61 Lames Lindemann | 49. 2.38 Beth Lester |
| 14. 6.11 Marty O'Malley | 32. 3.45 Robert Probasco | 50. 2.38 Robert Freeburn |
| 15. 6.11 Kathy O'Malley | 33. 3.37 David Corn | |
| 16. 5.63 Dave Westfall | 34. 3.20 Theresa Barthels | |
| 17. 5.63 Pete Pluhtha | 35. 3.13 Robert Richards | |
| 18. 5.49 Kris Motoyoshi | 36. 2.98 Jodi Kimbrell | |

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Spokane Valley Community Ctr 927.1153
 10814 E Broadway Spokane Valley, WA
Stokey's 211 W. D Street Moscow, ID

CLUB NEWS



WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDENT GAME UPDATE

WHO: Students with 0-100 master points
WHAT: Game designed to transition students into club games
WHEN: Wednesdays--6:00 pm chalk talk; 6:30 pm game
WHERE: Quality Inn Game Room

To volunteer or for more information, contact :
 Kris at 466-4249.

- [1] Quality Inn Kay Fergie 509.838-3270
- [2] Quality Inn Dick Yager 509.998-7390
- [3] Quality Inn Kris Motoyoshi 509.466-4249
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- [9] Stokey's Pete Pluhta 509.334-3245
- [10] Quality Inn David Rottmayer 509.533-9671

MONDAYS:

- 10:00 [1] Non Life Master (Kay's Games)
- 6:30 [2] Open Game (Maggie's Club)

TUESDAYS:

- 11:00 [2] Open Game (Maggie's Club)
- 11:00 [6] Open Handicap (BWB)
- 6:30 [3] Tuesday Open Game (Sam's BC)
- 7:15 [9] Open Game

WEDNESDAYS:

- 12:30 [4] Open Game (Spokane BC)
- 6:30 [3] 0-100 Student/Mentor Game (Sam's BC)

THURSDAYS:

- 12:30 [3] Open Game (Sam's BC)
- 1:00 [8] Open Game
- 6:00 [6] Open Handicap Game (BWB)

FRIDAYS:

- 11:00 [2] Open Game (Maggie's Club)

SATURDAYS:

- 10:30 [7] Non Sanctioned Invitational Game
- 12:30 [1] Open Game (Kay's Games)

SUNDAYS:

- 1:00 [5] Last Sunday of Every Month TEAM GAME

Play of Hand:

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      10 x x
      N
X   W E
      S
      K Q x
  
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NT contract, lead from W hand, how do YOU play the suit? Play the ten. W may have the Ace-Jack and the 10 will win. (This is not always right. If W had the Ace and E the doubleton J, it is better to play low and win with an Honor. But that is a less likely layout.

LEADER BOARD 2007 Results

RECOGNITION AT MARCH AWARDS GAME

<u>ACE OF CLUBS</u>		<u>MINI-McKINNEY</u>	
	0-5		
B J Kolkman 36.77		B J Kolkman 54.18	
	5-20		
Myrna Davis 16.48		Myrna Davis 22.74	
	20-50		
Ann Sanders 29.71		Ann Sanders 35.80	
	50-100		
Beverly Cordier 32.25		Beverly Cordier 43.62	
	100-200		
Massimo Gallotti 76.96		Massimo Gallotti 120.38	
	200-300		
Catherine Creer 95.15		Catherine Creer 207.66	
	300-500		
Jane Lyons-Macy 77.89		Ronald Krueger 100.78	
	500-1000		
Marshall Mah 66.07		Marshall Mah 149.60	
	1000-2500		
William Rottmayer 134.76		William Rottmayer 413.25	
	2500-5000		
Jodi Kimbrell 55.43		Jodi Kimbrell 174.24	
	5000-7500		
Catherine Fergie 133.77		Sally Fahland 285.93	
	OVER 10,000		
Gard Hays (17,800+) 98.42		Gard Hays 764.77	

Bridge with Brenda

Brenda Simpson announces a workshop on cue bids. The class and the book, Cue Bids in a Nut Shell by Dee Barry will be ready the end of March and will be offered at :

Women's Club of Spokane, 1428 W. 9th, Wednesdays 10a.m.-noon And

Spokane Valley Community Center, 10814 E. Broadway on Saturdays 10 a.m.-noon.

Six classes are \$50 or \$10 for an individual class. The book is \$13.

Call Brenda at 926-6973 to enroll or for further information.



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Next Unit Game: 2007 AWARDS

Held at the Sons of Norway Hall
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2008 Unit Board Members

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Grand Slammer Marty Burdick 255-9632
Property Mike Coopersmith 466-4404

Lilac Sectional Tournament
May 30—June 1, 2008

2008 Unit 448 Championship Games

March 9, 2008 1:00 and 5:00

Two Session Awards Game

*Sons of Norway Hall, 6710 N. Country

Homes Blvd, lower floor

April 6, 2008 1:00 One Session

May 11, 2008 1:00 and 5:00

Two Session Team Game

June 8, 2008 5:00 One Session

July – no game

August 3, 2008 5:00 One Session

September 7, 2008 1:00 One Session

October 5, 2008 1:00 & TBA

\$1 extra – Charity Game

November 2, 2008 1:00 One Session

December 14 – Christmas Party

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP CHARITY MO

Bridge w/ Brenda March 4 April 8
Bridge w/ Brenda March 6 April 10

Kay's Club Mon AM April 14
Kay's Club Sat AFT April 26

Sam's BC Tues PM April 8
Sam's BC Wed PM April 9
Sam's BC Thurs AFT April 10

Spokane Bridge Club April 16